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SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY: DEMARCHES MADE TO FOREIGN DEPT. AND, BY AMBASSADOR, TO  
MINISTER MANPOWER. INDONESIANS GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC WITH OUR VIEW,  
BUT THEIR  
ACTIONS IN ILO CONFERENCE WILL BE DETERMINED BY INTENSITY OF  
PRESSURES BROUGHT BY ARAB/THIRD WORLD BLOC ON CRITICAL ISSUES.  
END SUMMARY.

2. IN ABSENCE OF MORE SENIOR FOREIGN DEPT. OFFICIALS, DCM AND  
LABOR ATTACHE ON MAY 10 PRESENTED DEMARCHE TO OFFICER IN CHARGE  
OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BUREAU OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPT., MR. KRISTIADI.

3. MR. KRISTIADI NOTED THAT FOREIGN DEPT. ALREADY  
ALERTED BY INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA ON SENSITIVE  
ISSUES COMING UP AT ILO CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH HE MADE NO  
SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO OUR PRESENTATION, WHICH COVERED  
ALL POINTS IN REFTELS, KRISTIADI STATED THAT INDONESIA  
IS ANXIOUS THAT US CONTINUE ITS ILO MEMBERSHIP. HE  
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ASKED IF CONFERENCE APPROVED GOVERNING BODY DECISIONS ON  
ISRAELI RESOLUTION AND AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 17,  
WOULD US REMAIN? WE STATED THAT THESE INDEED ARE TWO  
VERY CRITICAL ISSUES BUT DECISION ON ILO WILL BE MADE  
ON BASIS OF REVIEW OF OVERALL SITUATION RATHER THAN  
SPECIFIC ACTIONS.

4. IN DEMARCH MAY 13 TO MINISTER OF MANPOWER, TRANS-MIGRATION AND COOPERATIVES SUBROTO AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR. CHAIRUL BASRI, AMBSASADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY LABOR ATTACHE, STRESSED SERIOUSNESS OF ILO ISSUES WHICH COULD INDEED LEAD TO OUR WITHDRAWAL, WITH CONSEQUENT FAR-REACHING EFFECT ON NATURE OF ILO AND POSSIBLY OTHER UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

5. MINISTER SUBROTO NOTED THAT THERE ARE TWO FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED: TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL, PARTICULARLY

INDONESIA'S RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES AND GROUP OF 77. HE QUESTIONED WHY AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17 SHOULD NOT PROPERLY GO TO COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED ALONG LINES OF INSTRUCTION, NOTING WE DO NOT WANT ISSUE BLOCKED IN COMMITTEE BUT TO REACH FLOOR OF CONFERENCE. MR. BASRI OBSERVED THAT ISRAELI RESOLUTION AND ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT WOULD BE DEFEATED BY CONFERENCE, WHERE COMPOSITION OF MEMBERSHIP IS DIFFERENT THAN IN GOVERNING BODY AND WHERE ARABS AND GROUP OF 77 CAN MUSTER MAJORITY. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DEFER VOTE ON CRITICAL ISSUES TO SUBSEQUENT CONFERENCE MEETING UNDER MORE FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT WE APPRECIATE INDONESIA'S SUGGESTIONS ON STRATEGY WHICH WOULD HELP US REMAIN IN ILO, BUT WE NEED TO HAVE SOME AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1977 DEADLINE ON OUR INTENT TO WITHDRAW. AMBASSADOR QUESTIONED WHETHER PROSPECTS AT THIS CONFERENCE, IN WHICH MEMBERS MUST CONSIDER QUESTION OF POSSIBLE U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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WITHDRAWAL, ARE AS GRAVE AS PREDICTED BY BASRI.

6. ON CHAIRMANSHIP OF JOHN NORRIS FOR GB, MINISTER SUBROTO SAID THIS PRESENTS NO PROBLEM, AND HE ASSUMED IT WILL LEAD TO CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYER FOR A SUBSEQUENT CHAIRMANSHIP.

7. FOLLOWING ARE MEMBERS OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION:  
GOVERNMENT:  
MINISTER FOR MANPOWER, TRANSMIGRATION AND COOPERATIVES, SUBROTO; VISITING MINISTER  
MR. CHAIRUL BASRI, SECRETARY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER, TRANSMIGRATION AND COOPERATIVES; CH  
ARMAN  
MR. OETOYO OESMAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR LABOR PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE; DELEGATE  
AMBASSADOR ALI ALATAS, GENEVA; PRINCIPAL ADVISOR  
DRS. HS. SUDJINO, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER; SECRETARY

TO DELEGATION

EMPLOYERS:

MR. DARMOWARDOJO, PERTAMINA (NATIONAL OIL COMPANY);

DELEGATE

MR. BARAMULI, CHAIRMAN OF AGRICULTURE GROUP, INDOESIAN

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; ADVISOR

WORKERS:

MR. ADOLF RACHMAN, CHAIRMAN OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC

PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS, ALL INDONESIAN LABOR

FEDERATION (FBSI); DELEGATE

MR. D.M. SIHITE, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR INTER-

NATIONAL RELATIONS, FBSI; ADVISOR

IN ADDITION, AGUS SUDONO, GENERAL CHAIRMAN, FBSI, WILL BE

ATTENDING GOVERNING BODY MEETING PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE

AND WILL STAY ON IN GENEVA TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AS

OBSERVER, BUT WILL IN FACT BE SERVING AS ADVISOR TO

WORKERS' DELEGATE.

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8. COMMENT: DURING SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS OVER PAST YEAR WITH GOI ON ILO ISSUES, INDONESIA HAS GENERALLY EXPRESSED AGREEMENT AND MORAL SUPPORT FOR DUE PROCESS, FAIR TREATMENT AND OTHER PRINCIPLES WE HAVE ADVOCATED AS BASIS FOR OUR CONTINUING IN ILO. HOWEVER, AS IN ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES, THE DECISIVE INFLUENCE DETERMINING HOW INDONESIA WILL VOTE WILL BE THEIR SENSE OF SOLIDARITY WITH ISLAMIC AND THIRD WORLD BLOCS, AND THEIR PERCEPTIONS OF HOW THIS SERVES THEIR SHORT-TERM NATIONAL INTERESTS.

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